

January 14, 2018 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

From the Pastor

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There were three mysteries mentioned at Vespers on the Feast of the Epiphany: the star leading the Wise Men to the manger, the day our Lord turned water into wine at wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, and the baptism of our Lord in the Jordan by St. John the Baptist. This second Sunday after Epiphany commemorates the second of these mysteries; namely, the first public miracle and manifestation of our Lord to the apostles.

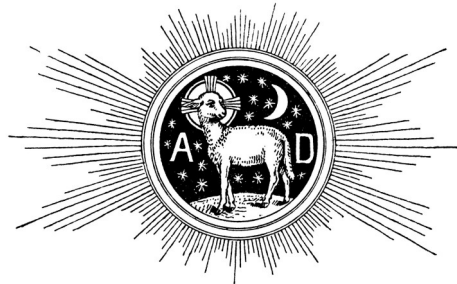
St. Augustine points out that our Lord was invited to this wedding feast and He went there to reveal the mystery typified by it, which is the union of Christ and His Church. This is the union that St. Paul speaks of in Ephesians (5:24, 25) where he says: "Therefore as the Church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be to their husbands in all things. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and delivered Himself up for it." Couples preparing for marriage, newlyweds and even those married for a long time must remember to invite our Lord to their wedding and their home and keep renewing that invitation everyday so that He can be present in the home, be invoked there, and bless the home as a result. Married life has always had its challenges, but, by the grace of God and faithfulness at living a true life of sacrifice, all challenges can be conquered and spouses become stronger and holier as a result.

The miracle at the wedding feast symbolizes the Holy Eucharist, where the water that was changed into wine foreshadows the wine that will be changed into Christ's Blood. This connection of the first miracle with the institution of the Sacrament of the Altar whereby we receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Savior also shows the connection between the two covenants. The married couple form a covenant with each other that is to last until death, and so likewise Christ, when He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar, established a covenant that joins us to the great nuptial banquet in heaven, where we are united to God for all eternity. We have to be transformed by Christ through our union with Him, thus becoming saints. We must do our part in this by corresponding to His grace, so that the water that we are can become the wonderful wine through God's transforming grace.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Announcements

Weekend church hours. The church is open for private prayer on Fridays-Sundays as noted below. Please consider committing to one hour of prayer at least one day a month.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Saturday work days, 10-4 p.m. If you can spare time on Saturday to assist on parish projects and grounds maintenance, please come at any time during these hours.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. every Thursday in the large meeting room, unless noted differently below

Altar Society, second Saturday of every month after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, in the small meeting room

Altar Server Practice, second Saturday of every month immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

Little Flowers Girls Club, second Saturday of every month, 9 –10:30 a.m. Open to girls, ages 5-11.

Festival Committee meets periodically during the year to plan, develop and implement the All Saints Festival in the fall, which will serve as a fundraiser for the parish. Open to all.

Overnight adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in preparation for Lent. Begins after Vespers, Sun., Feb. 11 and ends 7 p.m., Mon., Feb. 12. Please sign up for an Holy Hour at the hall table.

Save the Date! Bus trip to Nebraska for the FSSP ordinations to the priesthood and in support of Rev. Mr. Braun, known to many in the parish. Departing Fri., May 25, and returning Sun., May 27 after he celebrates his First Mass. Trip is in planning stages. Additional information will be released when available.

TODAY:

~ Blessed palms may be returned beginning today. Palms will be burned for use on Ash Wednesday.

~ Sign up for overnight adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Feb. 11-12. More information above.

Wed., Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m., Festival Committee meets in large room. Open to all. More information above.

Fri., Jan. 19, 7 - 9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Open to all men.

Sun., Jan. 21, Adult Lecture Series after Vespers

Mon., Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to boys and youth, ages 6 and older. More information on the parish website.

*Check the website for information on
upcoming FSSP pilgrimages and other events!
Also on the website: Christmas & Epiphany photos*

There will be Vespers after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

January 14 – 20, 2018

Sun., 1/14, Second Sunday after Epiphany

7:30 a.m., Paul Yu, requested by Nhan Truong

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Jennifer Larin, by Charles Bienvenu

Mon., 1/15, St. Paul, the First Hermit

6:30 a.m., Michelle Stone, by Charles Bienvenu

Tues., 1/16, St. Marcellus I

7:00 p.m., Michelle Crandell, requested by Charles Bienvenu

Wed., 1/17, St. Anthony, Abbot

6:30 a.m., RIP Ruth & Arrel Carrier, requested by Cindy Limes

Thurs., 1/18, St. Prisca

7:00 p.m., Andrew Johnson Family, by the Grants

Fri., 1/19, Ss. Marius, Martha, Audifax & Abachum

6:30 a.m., RIP Ruth & Arrel Carrier, requested by Cindy Limes

Sat., 1/20, Ss. Fabian & Sebastian

7:30 a.m., Jordin & Taylor Edwards, by family



First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion, which includes exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Saturday of each month, First Saturday devotion with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Private Mass Schedule

Mon., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Thurs., Sat. 6:30 a.m.

You are welcome to attend private Masses, but they are subject to cancellation if a priest is not available. Advance notice of cancellations will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

Directory

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Parish Organizations

Men's Schola

Practice Wednesday nights, 7 p.m.
Contact: Mark Holt or Kyle Lartigue
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

Altar Society

Contact: Juana Maria Olvera
altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org

Youth Group

Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.



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Mass and Confession Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.
Confession	30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts